

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and reexamination of the subject patent application are respectfully requested under 37 CFR § 1.112.

Applicants appreciate the helpfulness shown by the Examiner during the interview on April 8, 2004. Claim amendments were discussed to overcome the written description and enablement rejections. Their entry should result in a Notice of Allowance.

By the present amendment, claims 16, 18 and 20 have been amended to better clarify what is being claimed. Claim 20 is directed to part a), new claim 23 is directed to part b) of claim 20, and part c) was deleted as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added via this amendment and reserve their rights to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Claims 16 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification allegedly lacks a written description. Claims 16 and 18 have been amended such that this rejection should now be rendered moot.

Claims 8 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because they are allegedly not enabled by the specification. Claims 8 and 20 have been amended such that this rejection should now be rendered moot.


Withdrawal of the Section 112 rejections is respectfully requested.

Favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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